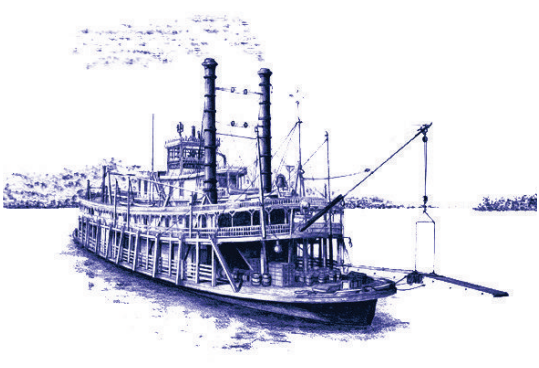




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Southwestern to seek loan to replace aging HVAC

BY BOB DEMAREE

Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation received approval from its school board Monday to submit an application to the state for a \$4 million Common School Loan to provide funding for a new HVAC system to replace what current exists in the school buildings.

“We are living on borrowed time

with our HVAC system,” said Assistant Superintendent Jason Watson, providing an estimated \$16 million cost for full replacement of HVAC at both the high school/middle school and elementary school buildings.

Watson said \$4 million from the loan will allow work to begin on the first phase of the HVAC replacement at the middle and high

school, providing for a new control system and other improvements. “The new control system would allow additional contractors to work on the HVAC,” said Watson, which he said there are currently only a couple of contractors who can work with the system.

Watson said improvements are needed with the piping system, explaining a 4-pipe system would

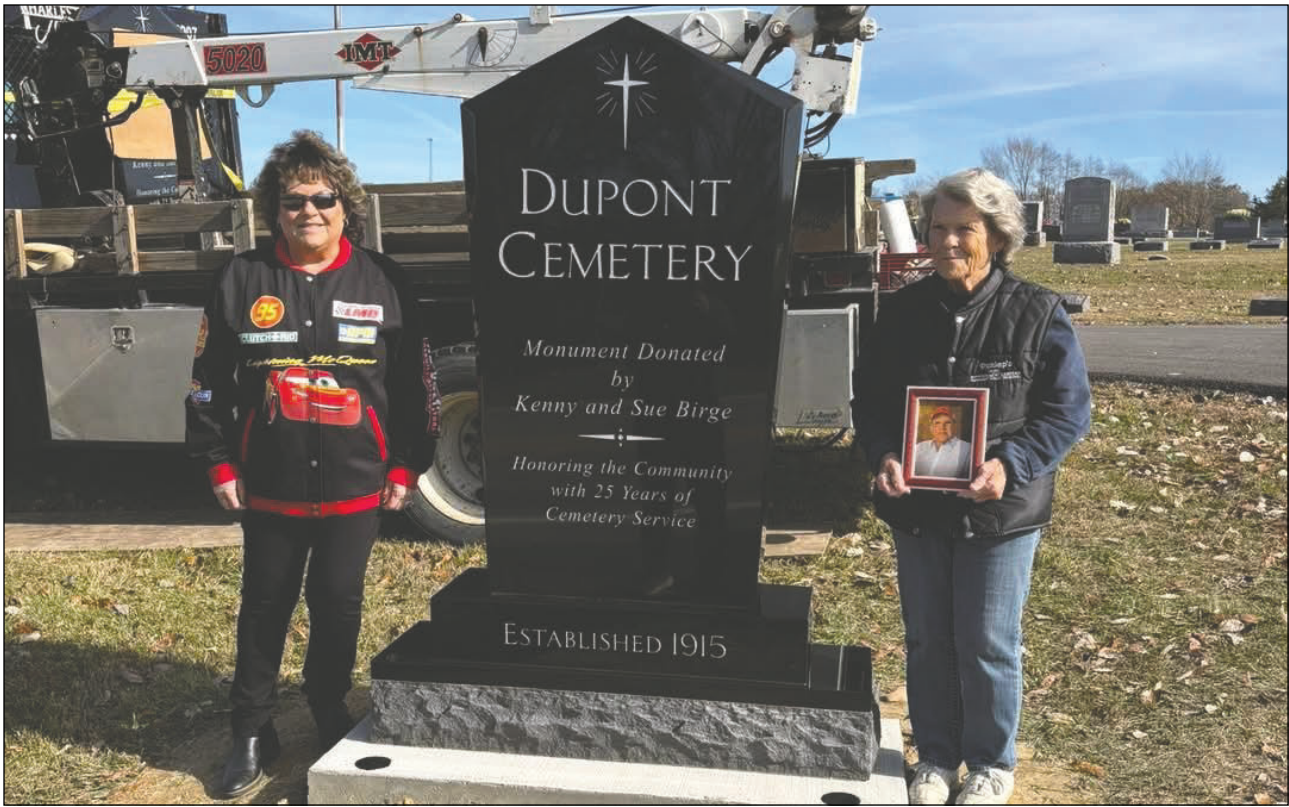
allow for running both heating and cooling, while a 2-pipe system can run one but not both.

At the high school and middle school, there is a 4-pipe system but “there are still some areas that are not piped” for a 4-pipe system. “So, what we would propose is to install the whole system for a true 4-pipe system, where we would have the ability to both heat and cool which

is the way that it’s done in most commercial systems today,” he said.

Watson said the funding from the loan would also allow for “targeted replacement. We have 8 to 10 of our units that are critically failing” that need to be placed at the high school/middle school building.

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Submitted

Karen Birge Field and her mother, Sue (holding a photo of her late husband, Kenny) stand by the new monument that was donated by the former caretakers of the cemetery.

Birges donate monuments to Dupont Cemetery

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Two new monuments were set at each entrance to the Dupont Cemetery earlier this month. Although the cemetery dates to 1915, the only signage at either entrance had been two very deteriorated plywood signs that were unreadable.

The new monuments, unveiled Nov. 12, identify the cemetery and where to turn off State Road 7. They were donated by Kenny and Sue Birge who for many years have made the cemetery something the Dupont community could be proud of.

For 25 years, Kenny Birge (now deceased) and his wife, Sue, were the

caretakers of Dupont Cemetery. When Kenny’s health declined, his wife was unable to handle the marking of the graves and being on call. Shortly after Kenny died in October 2023, his wife felt the need to turn her keys over to the cemetery board.

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Bob Demaree

County endorses plan for building inspector to assist Hanover

BY BOB DEMAREE

Jefferson County Council gave verbal approval for an interlocal agreement that will allow the town of Hanover to utilize services of the county building inspector at its meeting Monday.

“The council is in favor of it,” said Council member Pam Crozier.

The interlocal agreement was presented to the County Commissioners at their Nov. 7 meeting but they delayed action until it could be discussed with County Council.

Building inspector Josh Cline said he had been approached about assisting Hanover in the past but had been reluctant. He now feels more comfortable with the arrangement if it’s done through an interlocal agreement that also involves the county’s building and zoning staff in utilizing administrative assistant Taylor Baulau.

Cline would do building inspections with permits being executed in the County Surveyor’s office at 315 Jefferson Street.

The town of Hanover will pay the county \$25,000 annually that provides for a yearly 3% increase to allow for yearly cost-of-living pay increases.

Cline said the proposed interlocal agreement also provides for a 30-day notice in which either party can terminate the contract.

Cline indicated he thinks he can handle the additional workload although there are unknown variables until

actually performing the duties.

Crozier said, “My ask is with the first six months you should know whether this is something that’s going to be an advantage for county, if it’s something that’s feasible for you, to keep a close eye” on the workload and whether it’s cost effective, requesting a six-month evaluation whether to continue with the interlocal agreement.

Council member Dwayne May told Cline, “We appreciate you for putting yourself out there” in being able to take on the additional duties of performing building inspections in Hanover. “Not everybody has your skill set.”

Cline said, “I do care about the community and like to see some things built safely, not only for us but for future generations as well.”

In other business, the council:

- Presented a plaque to Chris Shelton who will soon be resigning from Council due to moving out of the district, possibly being his last meeting although that’s uncertain depending on the closing date on his new home located in the county but outside District 2 that he was elected to represent.

Shelton has served on County Council for District 2 since September 2013 when he was elected in Republican caucus to complete the term of Dr. Kevin Britt, and then elected in 2014, and reelected in 2018 and 2022.

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CHARLIE'S BEAT

The woman behind Saturday's Karloff movie event

Hopefully you read Tuesday’s newspaper story

about the exciting upcoming film event, featuring Boris Karloff onscreen and his daughter Sarah Karloff attending the show for a panel discussion. If you missed it, go to MadTixEvents.com and look up “King of the Kongo” at Red Bicycle Hall, starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.



CHARLIE ROHLFING

But, I want to shine a spotlight on the local person who facilitated and nurtured the event, without whom it would never have gotten off the ground at all.

It won’t surprise regular readers of this column to read the name Patty Cooper Wells. When Patty met Eric Grayson, an Indy-based film historian and restorer, and learned about his epic project, she just knew she had to bring it to Madison.

“I mean, this film is almost 100 years old,” explains Patty. “And it hasn’t really been shown since the early 1930s. It took a Herculean effort by Eric to bring all the pieces together. So I put him in touch with the folks at Red Bicycle Hall, and then I worked to get Karloff’s daughter, Sarah, to make the trip here to complete the experience. This is exactly the kind of fun and creative event that fits our historic and artistic heritage. It’s an

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OBITUARIES

Bette Carol Wilson Lucas

Bette Carol Wilson Lucas, age 93, of Madison, IN, entered this life on April 9, 1932, in Wirt, IN. She was the loving daughter of the late Oscar Alvin and Mamie Leone Benefiel Wilson. She was a 1950 graduate of North Madison High School and was a lifelong resident of the Madison community. She was united in marriage to Walker D. Lucas on Sept. 16, 1955, in Madison, and this happy union of 46 years was blessed with two daughters, Jill and Holly and two sons, Bryan and Robin. From 1959 to 1961, Bette worked for the Census Bureau in Jeffersonville, IN. She retired in 1980 as an office clerk for the Jefferson Proving Grounds, where she worked for 22 years. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church, was a retired senior volunteer for King's Daughters' Hospital, and enjoyed traveling, sewing, reading, working crossword puzzles, and playing Dominoes. Bette enjoyed taking bus tours, going to California to visit her son, making lap quilts for local nursing homes, the local hospital, and for the Veterans hospital. She also enjoyed her daily trips to join friends at McDonald's for coffee. But she dearly loved her family, her

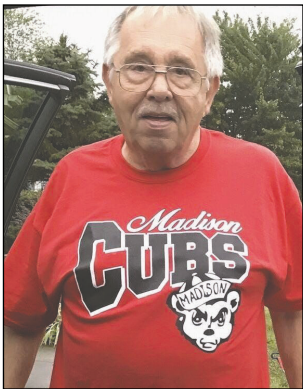


country, supporting veterans, the flag, and the Lord. Her time spent with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren was the best. Bette died on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2025, at 10:13 p.m., at her home in Madison, IN. Bette will be missed by her loving daughters, Jill Lucas Williams of Madison, IN, Holly Poling and her husband Donald of Madison, IN; her loving sons, Bryan Lucas of Madison, IN, Robin Lucas and his husband Don Cartwright of Louisville, KY; her grandchildren, Christian and Cassie Poling; her step grandchildren, Elizabeth Sorba and Charles Williams; her great-grandchildren, Maverick Poling and Wyatt Poling; her step great-grandchildren, Max Sorba, Jasper Williams, Oliver Williams, and Adalynn Williams; her brother, Elbert Wilson of

Indianapolis, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Oscar Alvin Wilson, her mother, Mamie Leone Benefiel Wilson, her brothers, Alvin Lee Wilson, Howard F. Wilson, and Bernard Kohl Wilson, her sister, Helen Leone Stewart; her husband of 46 years, Walker D. Lucas, died Feb. 23, 2002; her son-in-law, Charles "Chuck" Williams, and her daughter-in-law, Anna Lucas. Funeral services will be conducted on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Rick Fory at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Fairmount Cemetery in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Memorial contributions may be made to the Disabled American Veterans or the Wounded Warrior Project. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Marshall Ray "Butch" Hall

Marshall Ray "Butch" Hall, 76, of Madison, IN, entered this life on April 30, 1949, in Madison. He was the son of Louis and Lucille Marshall Hall. He lived in the Saluda/Hanover, area for many years and was a 1967 graduate of Southwestern High School. He had been baptized at the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in Paynesville. He was united in marriage on June 30, 1973, to Sharron Scrogam at the New Bethel United Methodist Church near Chelsea. This union was blessed with two daughters. He entered the United States Air Force on May 12, 1968, and was honorably discharged as sergeant on May 12, 1974, during the Vietnam War. On Dec. 12, 1981, he was united in marriage to Wanda Janice Perkins. This happy union of 33 years was blessed with a stepson and a son. He retired from Rotary Lift after 40 years of service as a welder. He enjoyed bowling, IU sports, and Cincinnati Reds baseball. Butch died on Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, at 10:29 a.m., at the Emergency Room of Nor-



ton King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison. Butch will be missed by his beloved mother, his mother, Lucille Marshall Hall; his loving daughters, Lori Slygh and her husband Dan E. of Madison, IN, Dawn Bruce and her husband Jeff of Lexington, IN; his loving sons, Robert "Bobby" Hall and his wife Amber of Indianapolis, IN, Shawn Perkins of Knoxville, TN; his grandchildren, Zachary, Timothy, Brandon, Conner, Claire, Olivia, and Molly; his brothers, Michael Hall of Dewitt, IA, Bradley Hall and his wife Janet of Ft. Wayne, IN; his sister, Teresa Page and her husband Rick of Hanover, IN; several nieces, nephews, and other relatives. He was preceded in

death by his father, Louis Hall, his sister, Kim Hall Allen, and his beloved wife of 33 years, Wanda Janice Perkins Hall, died March 16, 2014. Funeral services will be conducted on Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Michael Cammack at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 North Gate Road in Madison. Friends may visit Monday, Nov. 24, 2025, from 11 a.m., until the time of service at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. A final salute with military honors will be provided by the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or the Wreathes Across America. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Wilma Wykoff



of Hanover, IN. Surviving are two daughters Barbara (John) Rowlett of Ft. Wayne, IN, and Beverly (Tim) Long of New Carlisle, IN; four loving grandchildren Tammy Kerns, Holly McGuinness, Scott Long, and Joshua Rowlett; eight

great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren and a sister Irene Neal of Madison, IN. Wilma was preceded in death by a son William Ray Wykoff. Cremation has taken place. Burial of her cremated remains will take place at a later date in Mount Zion Cemetery, Paynesville, IN. Memorials may be made to the Mount Zion Community Church of Paynesville, IN. Zahoran Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please visit our website at www.zahoran.com.

DEATH NOTICES

TIMOTHY LEE "TIM" STEELMAN, 76, of Bennington, IN, died Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2025, at his daughter's residence in Independence, KY. Funeral service will be at 1 p.m., Monday, Nov. 24, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with interment to follow in the Vevay Cemetery there,

www.haskellandmorrison.com. **Kathie A. Earlewine Williams**, 78, of Bennington, IN, died Monday, Nov. 17, 2025, at her residence. Private services will be held at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, with burial in the South Lawn Cemetery in Utica, OH, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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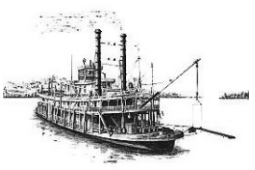
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NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER Lodgings Nov. 19, 2025 Kenneth James Lockridge, 58, for Battery Against a Public Safety Official, a Level 5 felony; Resisting Law Enforcement and Communication Intimidation-2 Counts, all Level 6 felonies; and Criminal Mischief, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond. Jasmine Leeann Meadows, 33, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$1,500 cash. Matthew Smitson, 41, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond \$5,000 cash. Carlee Trista Taylor, 52, on a court-ordered sentencing to serve 1,461 days jail consecutive. No bond.	32, Madison, court amends guilty plea to lesser charge of Battery With Bodily Injury, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 8 days jail and \$189 court costs. Derek Jacob Jones, Madison, to an amended charge of Dealing in Marijuana, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to 1,095 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended to supervised probation plus \$789 in fees and court costs. Christa Robin Skirvin, 53, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with 20 days jail served and 345 days suspended to supervised probation consecutive to 364 days suspended in prior escape conviction with no contact order to continue plus \$489 in fees and court costs. Dustin Michael Nelson, 33, Madison, for Battery of a Public Safety Officer, a Level 6 felony with Habitual Felony Offender enhancement. Sentenced to 180 days at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, enhanced by 1,095 days as Habitual offender plus \$389 in fees and court costs. Taylor Patricia Ann Taylor, 28, Harrison, Ohio, for Operating While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, with credit for 4 days jail served and placed on supervised probation for 176 days plus \$489.50 in fees and court costs, restitution to Duke Energy in an amount to be determined and driver's license suspended for 90 days.	tucky Avenue, Madison. George Alan Jackson and Leslie C. Jackson to Ashley M. McMahan and Hannah M. McMahan, 5127 West Interstate Block Road, Madison. Pamela Dyer, John Markt Varble, Donald William Varble, Darcy Sommermeyer and David Varble to Pamela Dyer, John Markt Varble, Donald William Varble, Darcy Sommermeyer and David Varble, 108 Jackson Lane, Hanover. Donna Ison and Sandra M. Wehner to Jacquelyn Shockley, 141 Hooten Boulevard, Madison.
Nov. 20, 2025 Steven Ray Orwig, 33, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.	Nov. 18, 2025 Hammer Investment Group LLC to Erica Michelle Kopp, 264 Shady Nook, Hanover.	
JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT Sentencings Nov. 14, 2025 Gary Thomas Carter Jr., Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony; Sentenced to 545 days at Indiana Department of Correction, all suspended to supervised probation through Jefferson County Court Services consecutive to 1,460 days previously suspended sentence on prior drug conviction plus \$589 in fees and court costs. Dustin Michael Nelson, Madison, for Battery Against A Public Safety Official a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 1,275 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 207 days jail served, consecutive to 180 days jail for criminal mischief, with sentence enhanced by 1,095 as habitual offender. Robert Allen McFadden, Hanover, for Battery by Bodily Fluid, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail, with credit for 16 days jail served and 164 days suspended to unsupervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs with no contact order to continue.	Nov. 19, 2025 Brenette Jenkins, Valerie Jenkins and Shirrie Jenkins to Deongeria, Valerie Jenkins and Shirrie Jenkins, 6349 North Rector Road, Madison. Gregory L. Stewart to Ray D. Jackson Jr. and Cristen L. Jackson, 514 Jefferson Street, Madison. Reuben Schwartz and Lavina Schwartz to Jason Ficaro, 9060+ North Higgins Ridge Road, Canaan. LITER's of Indiana Inc. to Hanover Manor LLC, 10 parcels including 141, 161, 171, 181, 191, 190, 180, 170, 160 and 150 South Paine Street, Hanover. Jonas F. Graber and Rebecca Graber to Charles E. Blair II, approximately 5 acres at 14750 West Blake Road, Deputy. Shelli L. Collier-Reetz to Tony S. Langdon and Sue A. Langdon, 3981 North Old State Road 62, Madison. Hanover Manor LLC to West Madison Faith Community Church Inc., 1108 West Main Street, Madison. Marilyn N. Deleon to Cody J. Cutter, 1903 Maple Street, Madison. Robert C. Chatham and Judith K. Chatham to Atit J.	SEE NEWS/PAGE A6
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Main Street work nearing completion for year

BY BOB DEMAREE

Work is winding down on Main Street with the expectation that it should be completed in time for next week’s Light Up Madison ceremony at the Broadway Fountain.

“It’s open and it looks fantastic,” said Mindy McGee, the city’s Director of Finance. McGee has been closely involved in the Main Street project in recent years through her previous city role as Deputy Mayor.

“It feels pretty good. I’ve worked on Main Street for five years, and

feels good to see it getting done,” she said at Tuesday’s Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

The work included paving and milling the full width of Main Street from Mill Street to St. Michaels Avenue and includes restriping and new bump outs at Vine Street, Elm Street and Broadway Street.

“The bump outs that have been completed look fabulous,” she said. “It’s much safer for people to cross the street.”

In other business, the BPWS:

- Approved payment of \$74,731.50 to Sedam Contracting for work on the city’s transfer station

improvements. “They are about 80% done with the project,” said Mayor Bob Courtney. “They are great improvements. This is one of those outstanding projects we’ve been working on for a couple of years, that should be completed by the end of year.”

- Approved PACE dilapidated structure grants for 111 East Second Street, 2333 Michigan Road, and 305 Mulberry Street an 307 Mulberry, buildings both part of the Central Hotel and Tavern.

Approved PACE extension completions until May for 811 East Second Street and 811.5 East Street.

Also approved a final PACE payment of \$7,500 for a PACE rehabilitation grant at 210 West Second Street.

- Code enforcement officer Duey O’Neill gave an update, providing examples of current properties that are in violation. Mayor Bob Courtney said, “It is disappointing that there is so little cooperation” in correcting violations. “It just shows this enforcement effort has to continue if we’re going to improve these properties in our community. The contradiction here is in that we’ll complain about not enough housing and then we have property owners that have dozens and dozens

of vacant and abandon structures that if they would invest in them or sell them to allow more investment in them, we could start bringing some rental markets or home ownership to a bunch of these neighborhoods.”

- Claude Rottet suggested a drop off be established for Halloween pumpkins to make them available for farmers to use as animal feed, rather than disposal as trash. “Pumpkins are very nutritious,” said Rottet, suggesting the city perhaps could work with local veterinarians to establish the program.

Southwestern OKs \$748,885 contract for new playground

BY BOB DEMAREE

A \$748,885 contract with Kidstuff Playsystems Inc. for a new Southwestern Elementary School playground was approved by the Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation board of trustees at their meeting Monday.

Fundraising efforts have been underway in recent years for a new playground that was boosted by a \$500,000 grant from the Bethany Legacy Foundation (BLF).

Installation of the new playground will begin after completion of the current school year on June 1, 2026, with work to be completed no later than July 31 unless extended by an approved change order.

The playground provides accessibility for special needs children.

“A lot of hard work and thought went into this,” said Assistant Superintendent Jason Watson, commending the communication throughout the process.

“We’re excited about that,” he said, noting the board’s contract approval allows the equipment to be ordered to arrive in time for installation next summer.

A down payment of \$374,443 iwill be made to Kidstuff Playsystems Inc. with a final payment of \$374,422 due upon the completion of the project.

In addition to the \$500,000 BLF grant, the project has also received a \$35,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County.

There also are fundraisers underway to provide more needed funding for the playground. On Saturday, Nov. 29, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., there will be a Christmas Craft and Vendor Show at the Laura Boldery

Blue Building with proceeds going to the playground.

On Saturday, Dec. 13, there will be a dinner and dance from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Boldery Blue Building to raise funds for the playground. Admission is \$7, lowered to \$5 if a food item is brought and donated for the backsack program.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a senior trip for Southwestern High School students to New York City during the first week of Southwestern’s spring break.
- Discussed a lease agreement for Hanover College usage of the Southwestern pool in which the college had previously paid \$35,000 annually. Board Vice President John Jones recommended the board meet with Mark Shook, Hanover College’s vice president for athletics, to discuss the matter and determine “what’s fair for both entities” because there are times when Southwestern has used Hanover College facilities, but there are maintainance costs to be considered that Southwestern incurs.
- Approved the transfer of \$1 million from the education fund into the operations fund during the 2026 budget year in order to fund appropriations in the operations fund. Also approved a \$500,000 transfer from the education fund into the operations fund to close out the 2025 budget year.
- Approved payment of \$5,378 to Royalty Roofing for repair on the roof of Southwestern Elementary School to eliminate standing water. “They see a lot things they can do to make it better so the water will not stand once it’s fixed,” said School Corporation Treasurer Laura Boldery, who hopes work is completed before standing water freezes this winter and weighs down the roof.

Developer plans new apartments in Carrollton

BY MARK CAMPBELL

A proposal to rezone about 15 parcels of land from Commercial 3 to Residential 2 was forwarded to Carrollton City Council with a recommendation by the city’s Plan Commission.

The application, which came before the council at its Nov. 10 meeting, involves property owned by Jim Riley in the 1200 block of Highland Avenue. Riley is already developing the front portion of the property facing Highland Avenue for commercial/retail units and would like to use the back portion of the lots for apartments near Village Lane.

The apartments would be identical in design and appearance, and involve two story constructions with two bedrooms and two bathrooms per single family unit. A total of 16 units would be built and rented at the site without federal or state subsidy or rental assistance.

According to Carrollton Zoning Officer Brian Mumphrey, the application was forwarded to city council with a positive recommendation by the Plan



Mark Campbell

Developer Jim Riley (left) explains his plans for an apartment complex in Carrollton as council members Linda Davis and Jeff Dickow (right) look over the blueprints along with City Clerk-Treasurer Melinda Wright (background).

Commission after no opposition was voiced at the Plan meeting hearing on the proposal. He said the project will provide much needed housing in an area that already has apartments nearby.

The only concerns voiced by city council were that the structures be maintained and safely kept up to code.

Council member Casey Cable noted the city has had issues with other

apartment complexes that either the original applicant or subsequent owners have not kept up to code and that has been a hardship for renters and made extra work for the city’s code enforcement office.

“We don’t need any more bad ones,” Cable said. However, he noted that other projects done by Riley have not been an issue in voicing approval for the application.

Madison adopts public safety, communications, animal shelter ordinances

BY MARK CAMPBELL

With limited discussion and no opposition, Madison City Council cruised through a 14-minute meeting Monday and adopted a resolution and three ordinances.

With just two regular meetings remaining in 2025, the resolution approved a list of year-end monetary transfers while the ordinances dealt with interlocal agreements on public safety, emergency communication and operation of the local animal shelter with other stakeholders.

There was limited discussion

on the three ordinances but all had been outlined in greater detail when they were introduced and given first readings at the council’s Nov. 4 meeting.

The ordinance related to the interlocal agreement on public safety actually involves amending an existing ordinance on the way the city and Jefferson County share funding for public safety, historic preservation and economic development.

Under the proposal the city’s contribution for public safety will be reduced from 50% to 41% while the county’s funding for historic preservation

will increase from \$45,000 to \$65,000.

The ordinance on emergency communication services and the animal shelter amends the current ordinances in terms of their board appointments.

The communication board, which deals with operation of the 911 central dispatch, establishes that at least four of the seven board members come from law enforcement from the cities of Madison and Hanover and the county. The change was recently mandated by state legislation.

The animal shelter board establishes that the board will

include one voting representative from the county and the two cities as well as an ex-officio member to advise the board who must be a licensed veterinarian. The animal shelter has operated without a board for several months after the previous board was disbanded.

All three ordinances, as well as the resolution, were unanimously approved by the city council.

“A lot of work went into the interlocal agreements and they’re continuing to progress. The town of Hanover and Jefferson County are going through the similar process

as we are now and hopefully their process will conclude at their next meetings in December,” said Courtney.

Courtney also noted that months of work to develop a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) on zoning will come before the council next month with a local officials workshop on Dec. 3, a public open house on Dec. 9, presentation to the Plan Commission Jan. 12 and then come before city council for consideration and adoption in February.

The local officials workshop, slated for 5 p.m. on Dec. 3,

will be a joint meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety, City Council, Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals at City Hall.

In other reports, the mayor said projects to upgrade the city’s Solid Waste Transfer Station and to redesign, mill, pave and restripe Main Street are both nearing completion and should be finished in December.

He said plantings in the new intersection bump outs on Main Street should be completed by the Light up Madison ceremony Friday, Nov. 28.

MOVIE

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experience I personally want to see and enjoy, so why not bring it to our home town.

“Just in case people aren’t familiar with the ‘serial’ format of this film, I’ll give a little explanation. I doubt there are many people under the age of 80 that have ever seen this type of weekly short format movie. Back in the early days of movies, before the main feature, they would show cartoons, newsreels, and short chapters of various adventure tales. The shorts usually ended with a dramatic cliff hanger, designed to bring moviegoers back week after week. Genres included westerns, super heroes, Robinson Crusoe, and many more. King of the Kongo was a tale of ‘darkest Africa’ which held a fascination at the time.

“This particular serial has romantic leads, who get into all kinds of danger and trouble. But what makes this film artifact especially interesting is the villain played by none



Charlie Rohlfing

Patty Cooper Wells, the local person behind film restorer Eric Grayson bringing his meticulously restored 1929 movie adventure serial “King of the Kongo” to Madison Saturday. The 10-episode serial features actor Boris Karloff and Wells reached out to Karloff’s daughter, Sara, to visit Madison as a panelist in conjunction with the event.

other than Boris Karloff, most famously of Frankenstein fame and also, more recently, as the voice of the Grinch in Dr. Seuss’s TV special. Boris’s daughter, Sarah, now almost 90 years old, will be

in Madison to talk about her father and the film.

“But while Frankenstein put Karloff on the map in 1931, he was a veteran actor by that time, having appeared in 81 previous movies. That’s why his

appearance in this earlier serial is especially interesting for film buffs,” says Patty.

This newly restored film experience promises adventure and surprises in the mysterious jungles of Africa in a somewhat campy 1920s style. This ultra-rare film cannot be seen anywhere else, and the afternoon will consist of a “binge” screening of all 10 episodes, with an intermission. Popcorn, snacks and beverages will be available throughout the show. Cosplay style costumes are encouraged!

If you see Patty at the show, be sure to thank her, not only for this event but for all the murals and poetry readings and music jams and so much more that she fosters and nurtures. It’s people like Patty who make our quality of life here so magical and special.

HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

The historic movie experience at Red Bicycle Hall this weekend, featuring the daughter of the film’s star, Boris Karloff, is probably the most unique and interesting opportunity in Madison. (Tickets are at

MadTixEvents.com if you are interested.) And of course, the Fleetwood Mac tribute show (actually two shows!) at Red Bicycle Hall on Friday is always a crowd favorite, and usually sells out. (MadTix for tix also.) But looking beyond these two ticketed shows, there is the usual raft of live music events, with an especially heavy concentration on Friday night, with eight places downtown (all in walking distance!) and one on the hill-top. So get out there. Wander around, take it all in. No other small town does it like Indiana’s Music City.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd anywhere local live music is happening.

MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, Nov. 21

Riverboat Inn – Erik Brunner

1st Street Saloon – DJ Nate

Red Bicycle Hall – Back2Mac (2 shows 7-9 p.m.)

Vintage Lanes – Live

Jazz Music (7-9 p.m.)

Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Ethan Workman (8 p.m.)

Rivertown Grill – The Keith Swinney Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Tiki LIVE – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.)

Tailgators – DJ Scratchy Karaoke (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Off Broadway Taproom – Jimmy, Kerry & Danny

Saturday, Nov. 22

1st Street Saloon – Karaoke DJ J&M

The Drake – Joe & Deano (7:30-10:30 p.m.)

Mad Paddle Brewstillery – Ron Postman (8 p.m.)

VFW – The Mood (8 p.m.-Midnight)

Rivertown Grill – Full Moon Rising Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Central Hotel – Tailfin Cadillac (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Tiki LIVE – L&L Karaoke (9 p.m.)

Timeless LIVE – The Woodshop Boys (8 p.m.)

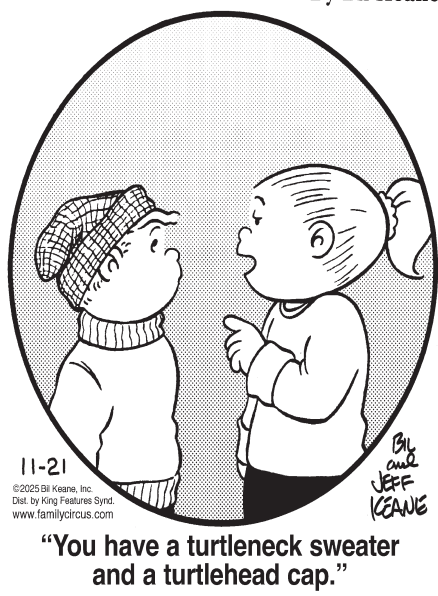
Tailgators – After Hours Band (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

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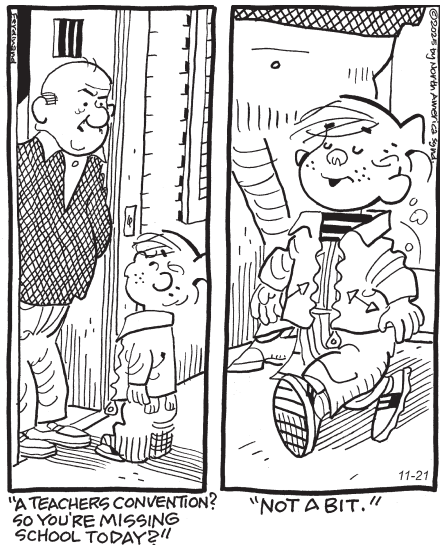
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Rivertown Grill – Erik Brunner (7-10 p.m.)

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



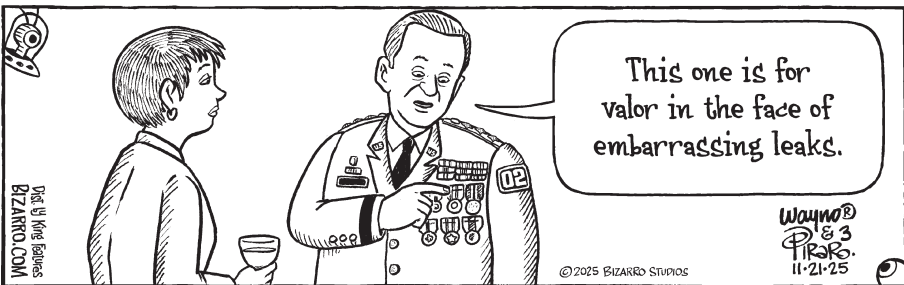
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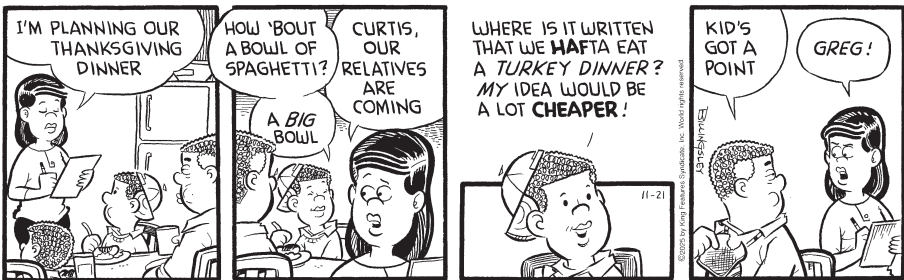
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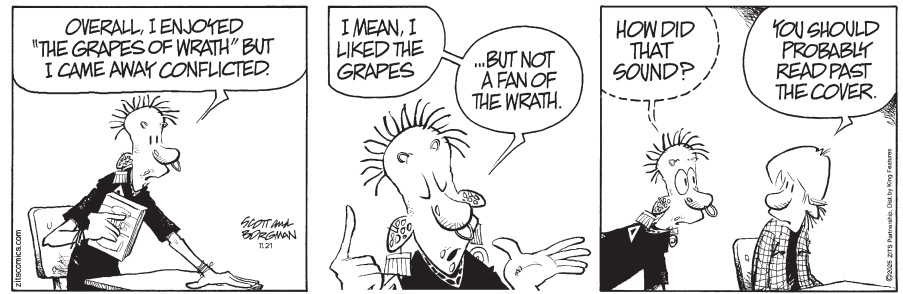
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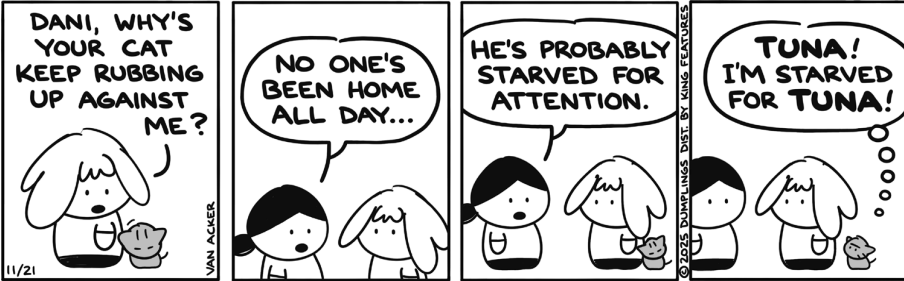
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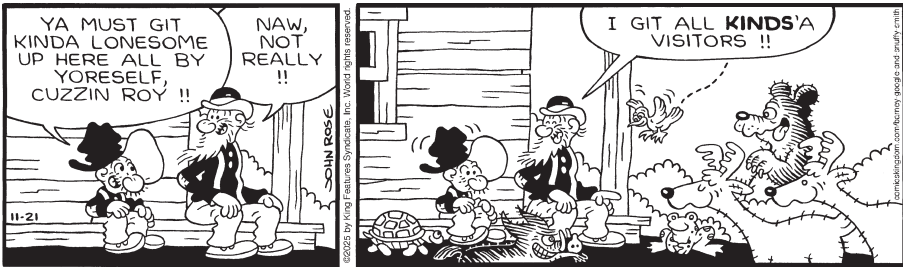
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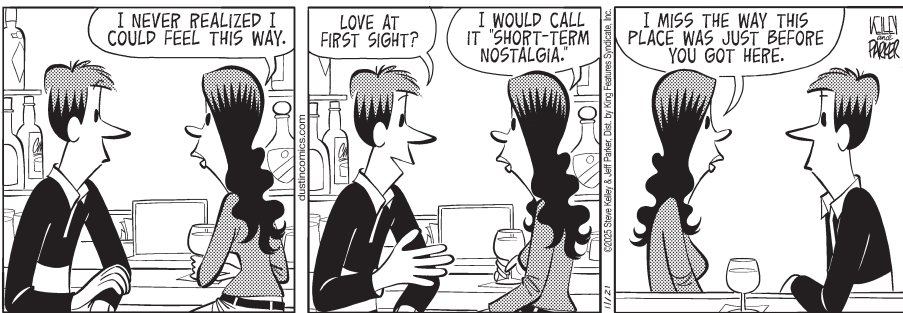
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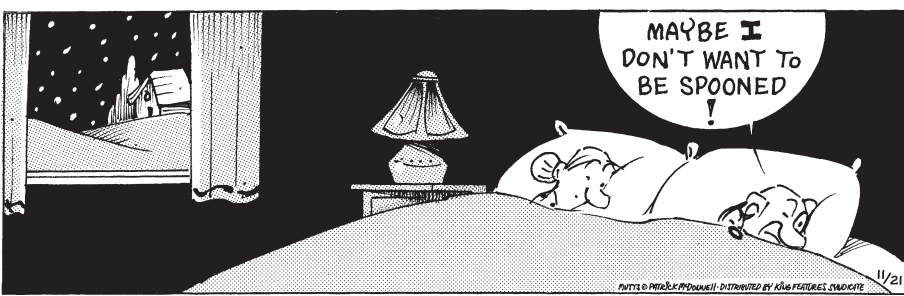
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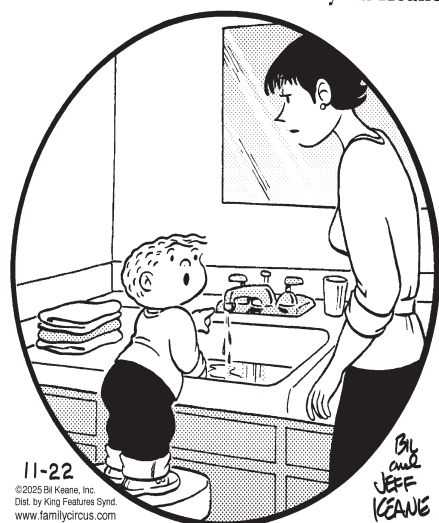


MUTTS



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy, will you turn the water up louder?"

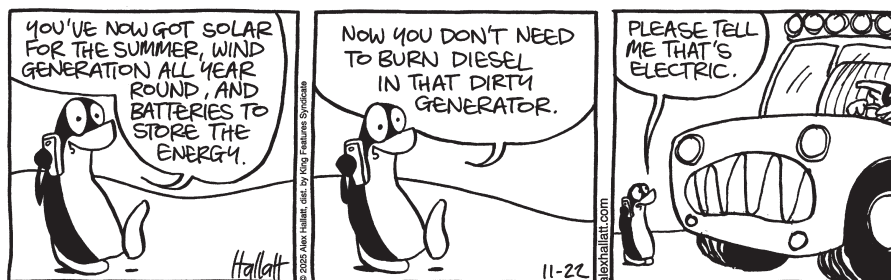
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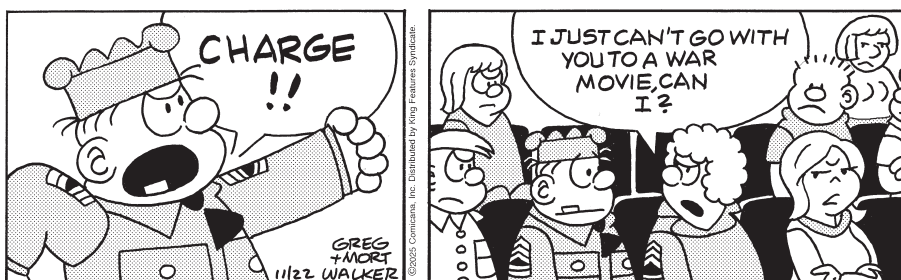
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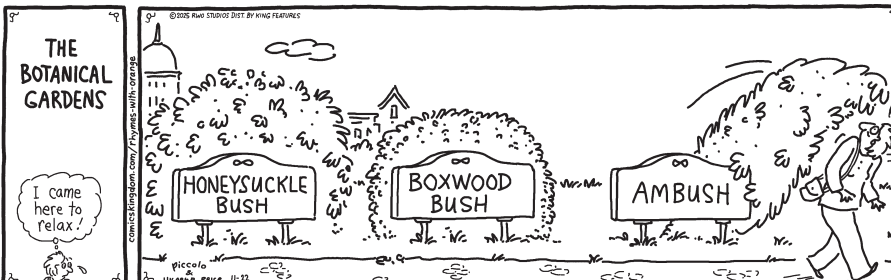
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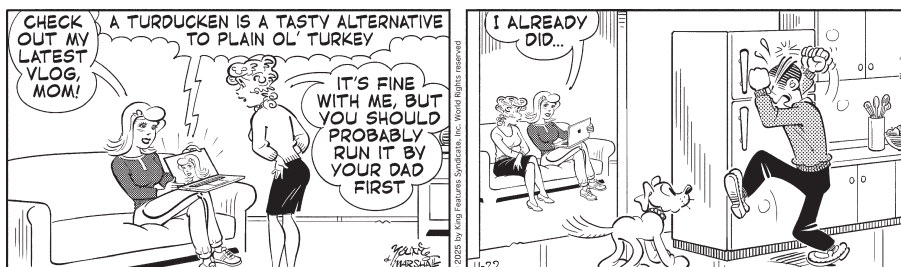
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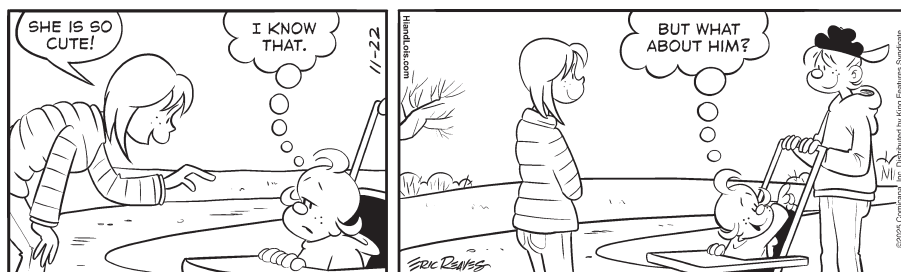
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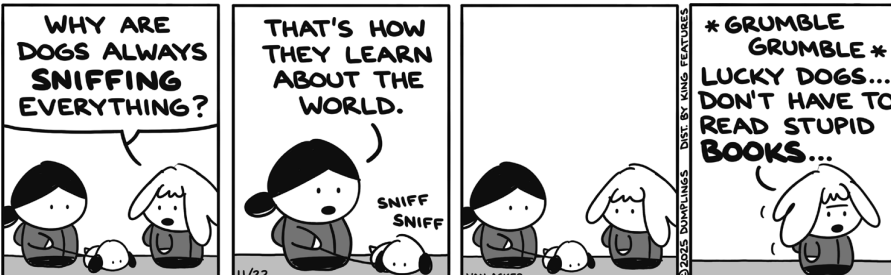
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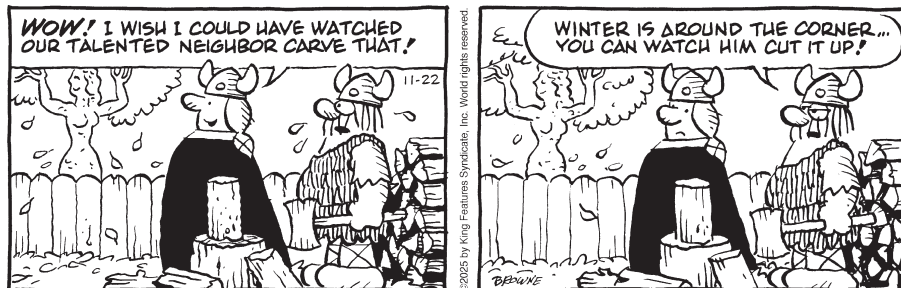
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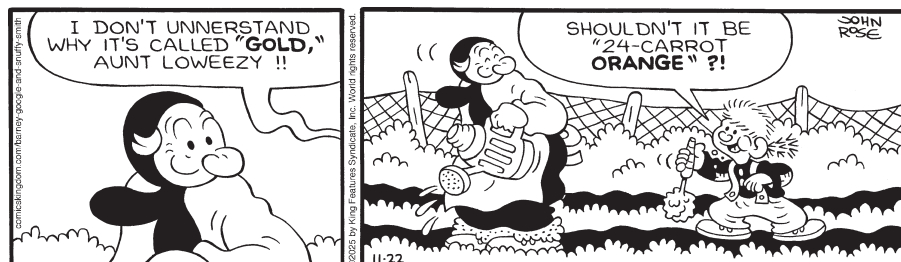
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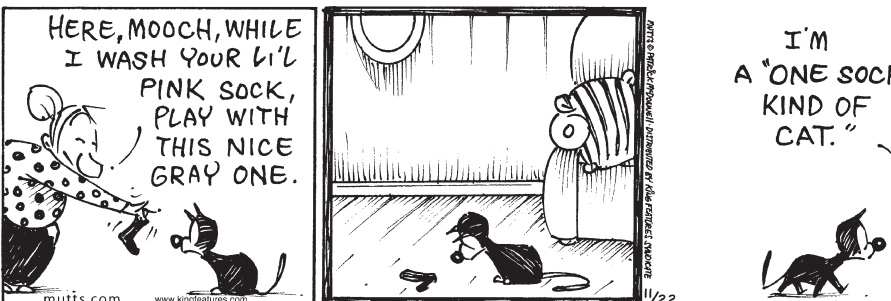
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Madison named among top Christmas towns in Indiana

BY BOB DEMAREE

A festive downtown Madison — and a full calendar of Christmas activities — helped see Madison named among the top five Christmas towns in Indiana by Indy’s Child magazine. Visit Madison Inc. Marketing Director Sarah Prasil presented a brochure at Monday’s VMI board of directors meeting with Christmas activities coming

up in Jefferson County that includes next Friday's Light Up Merry Madison on Nov. 28, at 6 p.m., the Very Merry Madison Christmas Parade on Dec. 6 at 11 a.m., and the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes Nov. 28 and 29, and Dec. 5 and 6.

The other four named in the top five were Carmel, Shipshewana and French Lick with Santa Claus, Indiana, named No. 1.

Lyndsey Ritchie, VMI marketing associate, reported on the “Get Married in Madison” wedding giveaway, valued at \$25,000, to pay for a wedding in Madison.

Couples must submit a video (up to three minutes) introducing themselves and explaining why they want to get married in Madison. Video submissions must be uploaded to visitmadison.org by Nov. 30. A panel will review the submissions and

select the top three couples, advancing to a public vote to decide the winning couple which will be officially announced Christmas Eve. The wedding date will be June 13.

The event is a collaboration of local businesses that includes florals, fashion, food, photography and clothing.

VMI Executive Director Andrew Forrester expects more collaborations with local businesses on

future Jefferson County marketing efforts.

“As we go into 2026, partnerships will continue to be a big part of what we’re focusing on with our businesses,” he said, stating that marketing Jefferson County “is a joint effort. This isn’t Visit Madison doing marketing alone and bringing people here alone. It’s a joint effort with our local businesses, our retailers and restaurateurs. What we’re

trying to do in creating experiences, whether it’s with the trolley or with groups that are coming here, it is to bring business to these businesses, whether it’s a hotel, airBNB or a restaurant, we want to try to bring business here. That’s an exciting angle ... working with our businesses, take what they’re doing, not replace it, but partner with them and see how we can bring business to them.”

BIRGES

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While overseeing the day-to-day operations of selling and marking graves, arranging burials with funeral homes, and the other tasks that arise, the Birges spent countless hours at the cemetery assisting families. They also worked behind the scenes meeting with grieving family members with maps in hand helping them find the best resting place for their loved ones.

They also communicated with mowing crews to be sure the cemetery always looked its best for all occasions.

The Birges’ daughter, Karen Birge Field, said although her parents devoted

countless hours to the cemetery, they never expected much in return. “They truly found joy in helping others. There were small monetary stipends earned over the years, but none were ever spent.”

Kenny insisted that the couple save the money and put new markers at the entrance of Dupont Cemetery with the name displayed for those visiting or just driving by. Although he never saw that happen, Sue made sure of it because that’s what her husband wanted.

With the help of Rodney Nay from Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison, the monuments for Dupont Cemetery were ordered. Sue selected a design for the monuments and paid for them to honor her late husband

and make his dream come true.

“I am doing this because it is something Kenny always wanted to do. He isn’t here now, but I know he would be very happy to see it done,” said Sue. “Dupont has the most beautiful country cemetery around.”

In addition to Morgan & Nay, Sue also had help from the Leach family, Wilson Concrete, family members, the town of Dupont and many of the families that were helped by the Birges’ kindness through the years.

The marker will not only serve as identification of the cemetery but a reminder of the couple that put their heart and soul into keeping the cemetery one of the most picturesque cemeteries around.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

EVENTS	BORIS KARLOFF EVENT	mas," and caroling with Santa in the Auditorium. Then, escort Santa to the City Tree-Lighting at the Broadway Fountain.
ST. CECILIA ARTS FESTIVAL Christ Episcopal Church, 506 Mulberry St., Madison Friday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m. Program honoring St. Cecilia, the patron saint of music and arts. Free. Donations appreciated.	Red Bicycle Hall, 125 E. Main St., Madison Saturday, Nov. 22, 1-6 p.m. Panel Discussion, screening of the restored 1929 movie "King of the Kongo," and meet and greet with Sara Karloff, daughter of famed actor, Boris Karloff. Tickets \$25 each at MadTix. Madison Area Arts Alliance donations appreciated.	CITY OF MADISON TREE-LIGHTING Broadway Fountain Friday, Nov. 28, 6 p.m. The City of Madison will kickoff the holiday season with a ceremonial lighting of the fountain and holiday display in fountain park.
ART SHOW AND RECEPTION The SPOT, 326 Mulberry St., Madison Friday Nov. 21, 5-8 p.m. Art Show, reception and artist talks by Roy Boswell and Beverly Bruntz, both associated with the Indiana Plein Painters Association (IPAPA).	CAROLING WITH SANTA Madison-Jefferson County Public Library 420 West Main St., Madison Friday, Nov. 28, 5 p.m. Visit with Santa, enjoy holiday refreshments, a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christ-	CHRISTMAS SING Hoosier Theater 209 Ferry St., Vevay Friday, Dec. 5, 7 p.m. Fifth annual community holiday sing-a-long.

HVAC

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“When we replace the four that are in the gym it’s going to be an expensive task” because they are encased in walls so those walls will need to be “deconstructed to replace those which means you have to have enginners and architects involved to rebuild those walls after you’re done with that replacement. If we go ahead and do refurbishment of those, changing out pumps, motors those types

of things, it’s estimated we could buy five to seven years of extending” the life of those.

“Ultimately, you’re looking at the entire project which would include replacing everything at the middle and high school, and bringing elementary up to a 4-pipe system, it’s estimated around \$16 million. So, we would like to get this started because it will provide us a great deal of improvement of what we are able to do. One of the main things we don’t want to do, like last year when we had to shut down school” because the HVAC wasn’t

working. “Right now we’re making headway but we’re still dealing with equipment that was built and installed in the 1970s,” Watson said.

Approval was given by the school board to submit the application to the state for the loan, which has a deadline of Friday, Nov. 21. If the loan is approved, the work will be advertised for bids.

In other related business, the board also approved \$5,615 to Fargo Insulation Company for insulation work on the dual temperature pipe HVAC leaks at the high school.

COUNTY

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The plaque, presented by the other County Council members, stated it is “in recognition of 12 years of faithful service to the people

of Jefferson County. Your commitment to fiscal responsibility, progress and community well-being has made Jefferson County a better place to live, work and grow.”

Shelton said, “It’s been a quick 12 years. It’s been my honor to serve on the

council and serve the residents of Jefferson County.”

- Approved an additional appropriation of \$35,000 from the cumulative capital fund to computer maintenance to pay the deductible for repairs after lightning damage in August at the Courthouse.

NEWS

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Patel and Sonal Patel, 2512 Forest Drive, Madison.
David R. Goodman Jr. to State of Indiana, 3000+ West

State Road 56, Hanover.
Jennifer L. Rowlett and Dustin W. Denning to Jerry Michael Estes and Heather Huff Jefferson County Auditor, 1327 West Second Street, Madison.
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Michael Estes and Heather Huff Jefferson County Auditor, 1399 West Second Street, Madison.
Wesley A. Garrett and Jaclyn Geier to State of Indiana, 3000 North Graham Road, Madison.

Advance Directives: Planning for End-of-Life Decisions



Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad Retirement Planning/Wealth Management

Advance directives are crucial legal documents prepared in advance to manage your healthcare and, sometimes, financial matters should you become unable to make decisions for yourself. They provide instructions for treatment or grant permission for specific medical usages, such as life support, ensuring your wishes are honored and removing doubt for your loved ones.

The Two Primary Directives

There are two main types of healthcare advanced directives:

Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (DPOA-HC): This document allows you to name a trusted adult (age 18 or over), known as a patient advocate or agent, to make medical decisions on your behalf. This power only goes into effect when you are certified as

incapacitated. Most people choose a family member, but a trusted advisor is also an option.

Living Will: This document allows you to state your wishes regarding specific life-sustaining treatments in writing. It explicitly covers decisions like the use of ventilators and other life-extending machines, resuscitation, surgery, artificial feedings (tube, food, and water), and prescription drugs. Unlike the DPOA-HC, the Living Will does not name a person to assume the advocate role.

Regardless of which directive is used, the court system can still intervene to make a significant decision if unforeseen situations or disputes arise.

Making and Changing Critical Choices

Preparing an advance directive requires careful thought about who you would want to assume decision-making responsibility. If end-of-life issues are in play, you can instruct your appointee to refuse any treatment, stating clearly in writing that they have the power to let you die according to your preference.

A significant feature of both the DPOA-HC and the Living Will is that they are reversible. You may change your mind regarding treatments and appointee at any time. The only real requirement for executing either agreement is that, at the time of transaction, you must be considered a competent adult, meaning you are capable of choosing

by your own free will and without outside influence.

Seeking Professional Guidance

Because these documents are considered legally binding and can have a lasting effect for both you and your heirs, it is always best practice to seek legal advice and assistance from a licensed and authorized professional.

Numerous resources exist online to provide necessary information, such as the forms themselves, which are often available for free from organizations like CaringInfo (a program of the National Alliance for Care at Home) or AARP, and state-specific legal aid services.

However, working with a professional ensures that your documents are legally sound, meet your state's specific requirements for notarization or witnessing, and that your wishes and decisions will be honored.

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Sports

MADISON COURIER BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Johnson’s leadership fuels Southwestern’s regional run

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Cam Rogers could tell right away. Five years ago, when Connor Johnson arrived with his family from Ethiopia, the then Southwestern assistant coach saw in the young player the kind of person a program could build around.

Five years later, Johnson proved his coach right. With two regional runner-up finishes and a pair of Ohio River Valley Conference championships, Johnson certainly left his mark.

"Everyone could tell from his first practice that he was going to be special," said Rogers, now Southwestern's head coach. "I remember talking to people about him and I instantly thought he could be one of the best players our program has had, and that turned out to be true."

Johnson was the main cog in a Southwestern program that raced its way to a conference title and the regional championship game and is this year's Madison Courier Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

Johnson's statistics are certainly worthy of the honor. He scored 28 goals and dished out 11 assists for a squad that finished on top in a strong ORVC. Six of those goals came in a postseason run that saw Southwestern knock off three higher-ranked opponents before falling to state runner-

MADISON COURIER BOYS COURIERAREA SOCCER TEAM		
Name/School	Cl.	Pos.
Elliot Brooks/Southwestern	Sr.	D
Isaiah Dayadharum/Switzerland	Jr.	F
Martin Gomez/Shawe	So.	F
Gus Grote/Shawe	Jr.	ST
Grant Hall/Switzerland	Sr.	MF
Jaxon Higgins/Southwestern	Fr.	ST
Connor Johnson*/Southwestern	Sr	MF
Gio Lopez/Madison	Jr.	F
Gamaliel Maldonado/Carroll	Jr.	ST
Clark Nichter/Shawe	Fr.	GK
Chris Perez/Carroll	Sr.	GK
Zachary Richards/Carroll	Sr.	F
Henry Schmidt/Madison	Jr.	F
Griffin Schwartz/Madison	Sr.	MF
Tryson Warren/Southwestern	Jr.	GK
*Player of the Year		
Past Winners		
2025 — Connor Johnson, Southwestern		
2024 — Cooper Todd, Switzerland Co.		
2023 — William Stockdale, Southwest-ern		
2022 — Cooper Todd, Switzerland Co.		
2021 — Jack Kelsey, Madison		
2020 — Kaden Zellers, Southwestern		
2019 — Will Heitz, Madison		

up Indianapolis Scecina in the regional championship.

But stats alone don't tell the story. As the top returning senior on a team of talented underclassmen, it was up to Johnson to provide the leadership boost his squad needed in order to be successful. It was a role that he wasn't sure he was up to, but one he filled to perfection.

"I think I approached it from a mindset of there's more to this team than me," Johnson said. "Last year was kind of a one man army mindset and this year, I was just one of 11 making things happen on and off the field. So I think that team mindset changed the way I played and it made me a better player individually



Nina Campbell

Southwestern senior Connor Johnson is the Madison Courier Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

and as a team player, and I think it contributed a lot to our success this year."

Rogers saw that leadership as pivotal to the Rebels' success. While Johnson may have been his top scorer, he needed more than just goals

from his senior.

"The biggest growth I've seen from Connor was the jump he had from his junior year to his senior year. The jump wasn't so much a skill thing. It was his leadership and maturity that made the

difference in his game," Rogers said. "He bought into what the coaches were trying to implement, he bought into being a leader and putting the team's success first. Thus, by doing that, he had his most successful year."

With Johnson leading the way, Southwestern posted one of its best seasons in school history. The Rebels started the season with a bang and rode that momentum to the

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BASKETBALL ROUNDUP: Southwestern rolls Clarksville from the start in a 55-32 win

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern scored the first 17 points of the game and led 23-2 en route to a 55-32 girls basketball win over Clarksville at home on Tuesday.

Olivia Simpson led the Rebels with 16 points, three steals, three assists and three blocks, Josie Hubbard had 11 points and four rebounds, Rorie Scroggins had eight points and six rebounds, Mikayla Nussbaum had eight points, and Savannah Nussbaum had two points, eight rebounds, seven assists and six steals.

Southwestern, now 3-2 on the season, travels to South Dearborn on Saturday and hosts Madison as part of the annual Turkey Shootout next Wednesday.

CUBS ROLL OVER DEARBORN

Madison rolled over South Dearborn 79-12 to remain undefeated in girls basketball Tuesday in Aurora.

The Cubs exploded out of the gate, taking a 32-2 lead after the first quarter and 51-4 at the half while cruising to the win.

Juliana Davis scored 27 points to lead Madison and move past Carla Eades Krebs into fifth-place on the school's career scoring list. She also had eight steals, seven assists and six rebounds.

Mylee McQueary had 23 points, Addison Roark had 12 points, 10 rebounds and five assists and Kenzie Smith had two points and 10 rebounds.

Madison, now 4-0 on the season, travels to Salem on Saturday and heads to Southwestern next Wednesday for the annual Turkey-Shootout.

SHAWE HOLDS OFF REBELS

Shawe took a double-digit lead into the fourth quarter and held on for a 66-60 win over South Central in girls basketball Tuesday at home.

The Hilltoppers trailed 14-12 after the first quarter



David Campbell

Southwestern’s Olivia Simpson (00) and Mikayla Nussbaum (2) surround Clarksville’s Lilly Moorman during the Rebels’ win at home on Tuesday.

but took a 29-22 lead into halftime and 49-37 lead into the fourth quarter. South Central outscored Shawe 23-17 in the final quarter but the Hilltoppers came away with the win.

Senior Audrey Barron continued her torrid start to the season with 38 points on 11-for-22 shooting and had 11 rebounds. Barron is currently averaging 32.5 points per game through five games, which is third in the state.

Hunter Mote had 11 points and five rebounds, Brylee Liter had seven points and Jamison Williams had six points and nine rebounds.

Shawe, now 4-1 on the

SEE **BASKETBALL/PAGE B2**



David Campbell

Southwestern’s Sophie Ford (1) drives to the basket around Clarksville’s Makayia Nash during the Rebels’ win on Tuesday.

Madison, Southwestern swimmers win at New Albany relays

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison and Southwestern swimmers both claimed wins in the New Albany girls relay event on Tuesday.

Madison competed in six of the 10 events and won three races, finishing third as a team by one point.

Sarah Ricketts, Alejandra Schutte, Lilly Dattilo and Lilly Canida won the 200-yard butterfly relay, Ruthie Whitaker, Tayleigh Johnson, Reagan Wynn and Canida won the 250 crescendo relay, and Johnson, Ricketts, Canida and Schutte won the 200 breaststroke relay.

Southwestern's Haylee

Crawford, Alexis Dean-Wells, Riley Crawford and Natalee Crawford won the 200 backstroke relay in 2:09.94, Haylee Crawford, Adalei Watson, Natalee Crawford and Riley Crawford placed third in the 200 medley relay in 2:17.84, Riley Crawford, Molly Bruce, Dean-Wells and Natalee Crawford were third in the 100 freestyle relay in 57.60, and Bruce, Haylee Crawford, Dean-Wells and Watson were sixth in the 250 crescendo relay.

Madison heads to Jennings County on Dec. 2 while Southwestern's next meet is Jan. 6 at Lawrenceburg.

LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Friday, Nov. 21

BASKETBALL

Hanover women hosts Eureka, Hanover Tourney, 6 p.m.
Switzerland Co. girls at Rising Sun, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison boys at Salem, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 22

BASKETBALL

Hanover women, Hanover Tournament, TBA
Hanover men at Berry, 2 p.m.
Madison girls at Salem, 7:30 p.m.
Shawe girls at Franklin Co., 7:30 p.m.
Southwestern girls at South Dearborn, 7:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL

Hanover hosts Grove City (Pa.), NCAA Division III Tournament, noon

SWIMMING

Hanover at Ohio Wesleyan, 8:30 a.m.

WRESTLING

Madison girls at Ben Davis, 8 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 23

BASKETBALL

Hanover men at Maryville, 7 p.m.
Carroll Co. girls at Collins (scrimmage), 7:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Hanover at Ohio Wesleyan, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 24

No local events

Tuesday, Nov. 25

BASKETBALL

Switzerland Co. boys at Oldenburg, 7:30 p.m.

WRESTLING

Madison boys host Southwestern, 6 p.m.

KHSAA watching for possible changes in multiple sports

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

LEXINGTON — The KHSAA Board of Control conducted its the third meeting of the 2025-26 academic year on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Numerous conversations concerning tennis, soccer, diving, lacrosse and wrestling took place.

Significant changes could be coming to boys and girls individual and doubles tennis state tournaments as the board attempts to address significant facility issues with its current format. The board will evaluate, much like golf, a format that would have those that advance from region tournaments (champions, runners-up and semifinalists) playing at four different satellite venues in the first round of the state tournament. The first-round state events will consist of four sites, with four regions at each site (i.e., Regions 1-4, 5-8, 9-12, and 13-16). The format would create sixteen entrants in brackets at each state first round event.

Competitors will have to win two matches to advance to the final round event in Lexington, as each quadrant of four inside a bracket will produce one singles/doubles entry that advances to the final round, a 16-entrant event in singles and doubles for each gender. Players will be seeded prior to the first round events for each site and then re-seeded for the final round event. The board will review the final proposed details at its January meeting, aiming to maintain the current four-per-region qualifying field.

There are no planned changes proposed to the KHSAA Team Tennis

Tournament, as the 16 regional champions will continue to advance to Lexington for a two-day event.

At the July meeting, the Board began evaluating end-of-game procedures in lacrosse. It had previously been decided that overtime would not be used in regular-season or non-seeded district games. That has been rescinded, and member schools will continue to follow NFHS playing rules for each gender while more game data is collected. Another area of emphasis will see the Board continuing to study the margin of victory and potential sportsmanship issues around lopsided scores.

As for diving, after a vote of 29-14 by schools that currently offer diving, the Association will request permission from the NFHS to experiment with a rule that would adopt a 6-dive format rather than the current 11-dive format for postseason competition. Diving participation has been steadily declining among member schools, and it is hoped that a change in format will spur additional interest.

In other items:

For several months, the Board has been exploring alternatives to realign wrestling and restructure the postseason tournaments. The KHSAA will continue to gather information and present those findings to the Board of Control at the February meeting for possible implementation in the 2026-27 school year. The primary focus of alternatives being reviewed would sub-divide the current regions by creating another feeder round prior to the region tournaments, as the sport continues its

recent growth throughout the state.

The Board decided to begin gathering information to further consider a potential 3-year trial run utilizing a class format with boys and girls soccer, as had been requested through presentations by multiple school administrators at recent board meetings. Since its inception as a KHSAA sport in 1972 for boys and 1992 for girls, there has been only one overall state champion in each gender. The board wants to gather further data, including enrollment figures for the 2025-26 school year, before making any decisions during this review. Previously, the board conducted a nearly two-year review of possible classes in baseball, but geographic travel concerns and school proximity led to the decision not to expand to classes at that time.

After lengthy consideration and discussion, the Board, citing the need to maintain geographic consistency, declined a request made at an earlier meeting by the Frankfort Independent Schools to move from the 11th Region to the 8th Region in team sports and corresponding moves in other sports.

Heard a report from membership meetings involving the 8th region schools, as those schools proposed revisions in the alignment of the existing 8th region schools. The KHSAA staff will work with the Designated Representatives of those schools to determine if there is consensus on a revised alignment for the 19 schools in that region for the team sports of basketball, baseball, softball, volleyball and soccer.

COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Shawe's Audrey Barron and Southwestern's Riley Crawford and Natalee Crawford have been honored as players of the week by the Ohio River Valley Conference.

Barron, a senior, earned the award in girls basketball after scoring her 1,000th career point and amassing 116 points, 25 rebounds and 16 assists in four games.

Riley Crawford, a senior,

and Natalee Crawford, a junior, shared the award in girls swimming. The cousins combined for six wins for the Rebels last week.

— Madison junior varsity girls basketball picked up a 17-1 win over South Dearborn in a two-quarter game Tuesday on the road.

Ava Smith had eight points for the Cubs and Daylee Smith had three points.

Madison heads to Salem

on Saturday.

— Shawe Junior High boys basketball was swept in two games by South Ripley on Wednesday.

The seventh grade lost 34-12. Oscar Rangel Avalos scored seven points and Lucas Pennington had three for Shawe, now 0-5.

The eighth grade lost 39-22. Patrick Kahn had eight points and Johnny Cooke had seven for the Hilltoppers, now 5-4.



David Campbell

Madison's Bella Zuckschwerdt pins her Seymour opponent during Tuesday's girls wrestling match at home.



David Campbell

Madison's Maylie Skinner drives her Seymour opponent to the mat during the girls wrestling match at home on Tuesday.

Lady Cub wrestlers fall to Seymour

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison girls wrestling won three of the four contested matches but suffered a 38-23 loss at home to Seymour on Tuesday.

Maylie Skinner, ranked third in the state at 155 pounds, posted a quick pin in her match; Maya Bullock, ranked 13th in the state at 110 pounds, gutted out a win by decision; and Bella Zuckschwerdt got a win by pin. Injuries kept the rest of the team from getting into the action.

Madison hosted Jennings County on Wednesday in another dual meet. No results from that match were available.

Madison's girls compete in the Ben Davis Invitational on Saturday. The Cubs' next match will be on Dec. 9 at Columbus North.

Madison's boys wrestling team hits the match for the first time this season on Friday when it travels to Salem. The Cubs then host Southwestern on Tuesday in the annual Turkey Shootout match.



David Campbell

Madison's Maya Bullock holds her Seymour opponent during Tuesday's girls wrestling match on Tuesday.

LOCAL LEAGUES

MADISON CHURCH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

TOURNAMENT
Monday, Nov. 17

PRAISE DIVISION
Wirt Baptist d. 24/7 Life No. 1, 25-14, 25-15.
Dupont Baptist d. Riverstone No. 1, 19-25, 26-24, 15-10.
24/7 Life No. 1 d. Dupont Baptist, 25-14, 19-25, 15-7.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Wirt Baptist No. 1 d. 24/7 Life No. 1, 25-18, 25-18.

HALLELUJAH DIVISION
Wirt Baptist No. 2 d. Falls City No. 2, 25-16, 26-24.
Mount Pleasant Baptist d. Riverstone No. 2, 25-20, 25-14.
Falls City No. 1 d. Falls City No. 3, 25-12, 25-20.
Mount Pleasant Baptist d. Wirt Baptist No. 2, 25-16, 25-12.
Mount Pleasant Baptist d. Falls City No. 3, 24-26, 25-17, 15-9.



Submitted

Mount Pleasant Baptist won the 2025 Madison Church Volleyball League Hallelujah Division. Members of the team are (from left): Front — Michela Ashby, Tatum Lee and Tyler Ashby; Back — Samantha Paul, Randall Paul, Chelsea Yarling and Aaron Dominguez. Not pictured: Barry Smith.

FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP
Mount Pleasant Baptist d. Falls City No. 1, 30-28, 25-23.

SECOND CHAMPIONSHIP
Mount Pleasant Baptist d. Falls City No. 1, 22-25, 25-20, 16-14.

BASKETBALL

FROM PAGE B1

season, travels to Franklin County on Saturday and hosts Southwestern on Dec. 5.

PACERS BEAT NORTH DECATUR
Switzerland County rallied for a 50-46 win over North Decatur in a game played at the Old Gym in Vevay on Tuesday.

The Pacers headed to the fourth quarter trailing 33-31 but scored 19 points over the final eight minutes to claim the win.

Switzerland, now 2-2 on the season, travels to Rising Sun on Friday and heads to Brown County on Nov. 29.

HANOVER ROLLS ASBURY
Hanover College women's basketball rolled over Asbury 85-67 Tuesday on the road.

The Panthers led only 38-28 at the half but took over in the third quarter to pull away.

Alexis Wines had 21 points for the Panthers, Kaitlyn Lorenzi had 18 points and 13 rebounds and Sammy Berman had 18 points.

Hanover, now 3-0 on the season, hosts Eureka in the Hanover Tournament on Friday. The championship game will be on Saturday.

Mathurin sparks Pacers' 127-118 win over Hornets

BY PHILLIP B. WILSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

games, pulled away in the second quarter as Mathurin scored nine of his team's last 11 points for a 70-54 halftime lead.

INDIANAPOLIS — Benndict Mathurin scored 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and the Indiana Pacers snapped an eight-game losing streak with a 127-118 victory over the Charlotte Hornets on Wednesday night. The Pacers, off to their worst start in franchise history with 12 losses in 13 previous

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Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 13th day of November, 2025.

Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN

LEGAL NOTICE

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) SS:
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) SS:
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HOROSCOPE

NOV. 21

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Some-one could passionately embrace an illusion and defend it strongly. A money matter could gradually move toward an improved outcome as energies bringing push-back are easing off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An important financial fact could be missing or even intentionally obscured. Get full intel and grounded clarity before taking action. You or a partner may be less easily triggered as a cranky period in the stars begins to resolve.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Romantic times with a partner could be on the agenda, heart and heat should combine well today. If you are dating, a meeting of the minds is more likely, at least as initial, pre-size activity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Getting the facts on what a task actually entails could be a challenge today, don't turn the issue into such a mountain that it upends your calm. A creative solution to something could be deeply satisfying.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) After a period of stress or inward focus, you could be ready for simple fun. If you are dating, there could be lots of possibilities, though at least one potential person may not be who they initially seem to be — be discerning.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Tread gently at home today, emotions could somehow reach a flashpoint, or more information could be needed for a proper fix on the situation. Navigated carefully, a place of understanding could be reached.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) As passionate as you may be about your topic, some key piece is likely missing, diluting your impact. Search out buried assumptions or missing puzzle pieces before you pick up the mic.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A financial face-off could come down today, but it's not recommended to engage today. Too much reactivity and too little knowledge diminish likely returns. Table the situation for later, if you can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You could be more stressed than usual today, much of this should be gone by tomorrow. Lighten your load as is possible, bring on the self-care to help your nervous system get and stay regulated.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Even if the day is going well, you could feel jumpy on the inside for a few hours. Lean into time with good friends if you can. Your work in the world can grow and uplevel, more resources may be on their way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A misunderstanding with a friend or in a group setting could arise and get hot for a while. If you can, postpone dealing with it today, even by tomorrow energies should have settled down significantly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Stay under the radar as much as possible today out in the world or in the workplace — unsettling energies could trigger a reaction which wouldn't serve you well. Support yourself with extra awareness to avoid issues.

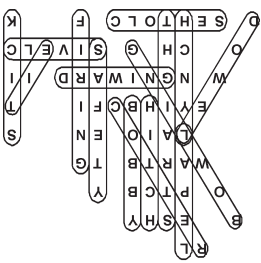
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Jumble solution

On the new clerk's first day at the lingerie shop, the manager had her use a — TRAINING BRA.

Sleuth solution





TIMOTHY D. EASLEY/Associated Press
Louisville quarterback Miller Moss (7) attempts a pass Friday during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Clemson in Louisville.

Moss questions U of L 'culture'

BY RUSS BROWN
KENTUCKY TODAY

LOUISVILLE — Once considered a strong challenger to earn a spot in the ACC championship game for the second time in three seasons, Louisville is now reeling from back-to-back losses at home to Cal and Clemson and has been one of the most disappointing teams in college football, considering preseason expectations by the media, fans and by coach Jeff Brohm himself.

Going into Saturday's noon game at SMU (7-3, 5-1), the Cardinals (7-3, 4-3) have been eliminated, or have eliminated themselves, for any chance to advance to the league title game and will be the underdog for only the second time this season when they meet the Mustangs at Gerald J. Ford Stadium in Dallas.

Justified or not, quarterback Miller Moss is taking most of the heat for U of L's collapse, although fans booed several of Brohm's play calls in Sat-

urday's 20-19 loss to Clemson. And he has also been second-guessed about why he didn't go for two points after the Cards' first or second touchdown instead of kicking an extra point, when Cooper Renvier had already missed one. That decision ultimately cost his team at least a shot in overtime.

For the second week in a row, Brohm was asked during his regular media conference Monday if there is a chance that someone other than Moss will be calling the signals against SMU. Brohm could have written the book on coach speak, so it was predictable that his answer would be obtuse and essentially a repetition of his answer the previous week.

"Every week we're going to prepare to win the game, and whatever gives us the best chance to win, that's what we're going to do," he said. "We have no other goal other than beating SMU. We'll have packages for all of our quarterbacks. We'll put the best

guy out there that will help us win, and then we'll have, hopefully, some creativity to do some different things. But without question, the goal is to win the next football game."

Although Moss has completed 64.3 percent of his passes for 2,344 yards, he has thrown for only 11 touchdowns, with seven interceptions and his QB rating of 129.52 ranks No. 84 in the FBS among qualified players (75% of games played, at least 15.0 pass attempts per games).

And in recent weeks, Moss' play has been in a steep decline. Over the last four games, he has completed just 60.8 percent of his attempts, averaged 184.5 yards per game, and had more interceptions (3) than touchdown passes (2).

Aside from his performance on the field, Brohm probably isn't happy about Moss' blunt and refreshingly honest response when he was asked following Saturday's defeat about the Cards' costly penalties against Clemson.

No. 17 MSU rolls past No. 12 Cats Kentucky falls 83-66

BY COLE PARKE
THE CATS' PAUSE

NEW YORK CITY — For the second year in a row, Kentucky basketball laid an egg inside Madison Square Garden.

The Wildcats, ranked No. 12, were punched in the mouth early by No. 17 Michigan State and never recovered, losing 83-66.

The Spartans, which entered the game shooting just 21% from beyond the arch with 13 made threes all year took advantage of poor perimeter defense by Kentucky to hit 11 threes for a percentage of 50%.

"It was just poor, poor attention to detail on the defensive end," UK head coach Mark Pope said bluntly.

While Sparty had that going for it, Kentucky itself reran the classics from the KFC



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Michigan State's Kur Teng (2) and Carson Cooper defends Kentucky's Brandon Garrison (10) during the first half of an NCAA college basketball game on Tuesday in New York.

Yum! Center just a week ago with lengthy scoring droughts all throughout the first half. It was enough to put Kentucky in a 17-point hole at the break after having not trailed by any more than seven all year, even in eventual losses.

In the second half, Kentucky would cut the lead as low as 10, but never escaped

the hole it put itself in during the first half. The Wildcats would end the contest with nine turnovers on the night, which led to 15 Spartan points. On top of that, after the push, the scoring woes continued as Kentucky would go 4:57 without a field goal down the final stretch, leading to UK trailing by as many as 24.

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